

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 1010
May 11, 2004

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office
MILLIS, Eric – Division of Water Resources
ELDREDGE, Sandy – Utah Geological Survey
SULLIVAN, Lenora – Division of Wildlife Resources
KAPPE, Karl – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
GEORGESON, Michael – DEQ/Division of Drinking Water
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pamela – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
REICHERT, Michael – DEQ/Division of Water Quality
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks & Recreation
HOWARD, Ty – DEQ/Division of Environmental Response
WILCOX, Richard – School & Institutional Trust Lands

Others Present:

LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management

I. Approval of Minutes

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The April 13, 2004 minutes will be approved at the next meeting. Please submit your changes via email to Brenda Landureth with ten days.

Terry Green, Susan Zarekarizi, Matthew Higdon, and Ty Howard indicated that they are not receiving meeting agendas via email.

II. Special Presentation/Discussion

Stay Out & Stay Alive DVD/Video Presentation – Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM)

Ms. Grubaugh-Littig, DOGM, described the sections of the division (Minerals, Mining/Coal, Oil and Gas and Abandoned Mines.) State and federal agencies are working together to close abandoned mines. The Abandoned Mines section has one million dollars for projects each year. DOGM partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to produce this video. Additional funding for this project was provided by the Forest Service, National Park Service and the Office of Surface Mining. The footage for this video/DVD was taken in Utah, Nevada, Colorado and Pennsylvania. The purpose of the DVD is to scare children and adults from entering hazardous abandoned mines. The following factors make abandoned mines very hazardous and unsafe:

old decaying debris	cold and deep water in quarries
falling rocks	steep walls, steep slopes and ledges
toxic gases	lack of ventilation
wildlife conflicts	dangerous unstable tunnels

The video/DVD provided examples of deaths and accidents occurring in abandoned mines and quarries throughout the United State. Other materials for schools and special groups are available.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Michael Reichert, Division of Water Quality, announced the initiation of Utah Lake planning for Total Maximum Daily Loads on May 12, 2004, at the Central Utah Water Conservancy District in Orem. This will be a two-year process.

Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, restated that he would like to obtain any Utah Lake resource information by the end of the May. Approximately 60 to 70 existing uses on the Jordan River will be address in one permit.

Matthew Higdon, Bureau of Land Management, announced that the West Tavaput Plateau Environmental Assessment drilling (near Nine Mile Canyon) program in Duchesne County. The seismic EA is currently engaged in a lawsuit. The BLM has a public affairs email newsletter that is called "eBriefs." Next month eBriefs will provide information about land use planning in Utah.

Glade will email Carolyn Wright.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

Priority Items Reviewed

PML #4015 West Tavaputs Plateau Drilling Program – Environmental Assessment is due to the governor's office by May 28, 2004.

PML #4007 Record of Decision on Mode of Transportation and Nevada Rail Corridor for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain – This is the last opportunity for state agencies to comment.

PML #3925 School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration East Mountain Access – Draft Environmental Impact Statement is due May 24, 2004.

John Harja is not available until May 26, 2004.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1060.